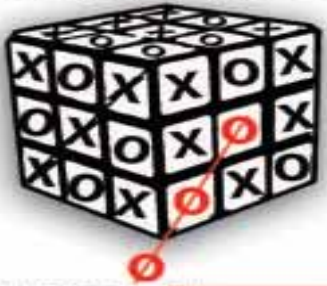


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MARY Bull owns what can best be described as a haven for dogs and cats at Woodlands Farm Kennels and Cattery on the A35 near Askerswell.

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She also offers a grooming service for all your doggie-needs.

This week she tells us about the kennels, shares some advice on grooming and exercising dogs and gives us the story behind the Woodlands Farm Strays Charity.

For further information visit www.woodlands-farmkennels.co.uk.

■ HOW did you come to be running a kennels in Dorset?

I've always been mad about animals in general. Many years ago I did an apprenticeship in dog grooming and after that set up my own grooming business in Kent, where I originally come from. When my husband and I decided we wanted to run a kennels of our own this was the furthest we could get from Kent while still being able to travel to and fro easily. We had been to Dorset many times on holiday and thought how nice it would be to spend all our time on the beach - which of course never happens once you live here because you find yourself with so much else to do.

■ WHAT services do you offer here at Woodlands Farm?

Primarily we are a Boarding Kennel and Cattery so we care for peoples pets when they are on holiday, in hospital or just out for the day and can't take the dog. We also do dog grooming and we take in local area strays and re-home the ones that aren't reclaimed.

■ WHAT'S been the most unusual request you've had about grooming?

The most unusual "Dog-Do" was when I once was asked to do the front half of a poodle in the traditional lion-trim, and the back half a Dutch-trim, which is very different. I knew it was going to look ridiculous so I had to refuse. I like the dogs I do to look like the breed they're supposed to be but often I have to compromise that with what's practical for the owner. I don't like to do hair too short. Dogs' hair is important for giving insulation from the cold in the winter and protection from the sun in the summer. Dogs can get sunburn.

■ ARE there any myths surrounding dog grooming?



It is a bit of a myth to say you should never bath a dog. Yes, it does take the grease out of the coat, but if you're grooming the coat thoroughly as well then you'll encourage the oil from the skin to travel down the length of the coat anyway and keep it healthy. Don't over do it, but if your dogs rolled in something nasty then it's nicer to wash it out but do use a proper dog shampoo.

■ TELL us more about what you do for the strays?

We've set up The Woodlands Farm Strays Charity to look after the strays and see to their medical costs. One stray we have at the moment is a Border Collie called Molly and she has knee problems. She's having x-rays this week to find out the extent of the problem but we don't yet know what ongoing treatment she's going to need. It could be surgery, which will be a long and expensive process. Then we'll be looking to re-home her and we'll need someone who is prepared to take it very gently with her exercise. Collies are innately very active dogs but we wouldn't want to risk any more damage to her knees.

■ WHAT'S the most heart-warming story regarding a stray?

Some people might remember the story of Ginger, who was observed on CCTV at some offices in Weymouth being dumped by his owner on a grass verge. The car is seen zooming off and the poor dog tries to follow. Some bystanders took the dog to a vet because she was limping and then she came to us. The CCTV footage hit the headlines in some of the national papers and she now has a home in Southampton. The gentleman owner says she's the best thing that ever happened to him.

■ WHAT is your favourite dog walk?

I like to balance road exercise with soft surface exercise. Dogs who board here have about seven acres of grounds to exercise on and run free and it uses a certain set of muscles in the dog. Total lead exercise on the road uses a completely different set of muscles and it's also good for keeping the toenails trim. So, when I walk then it's on the country lanes around Askerswell and Loders.

■ WHICH three famous people would you like to go out on a long dog walk with?

Firstly, St Francis of Assisi, I would love to know if his ability with animals was natural or learnt. Then, it would have to be the Prime Minister, to discuss a licensing system that required people to show that they understood a dog's needs and be issued with a licence to own a dog before actually having a dog. Third would be a Portuguese gentleman called Vasco Bensuade, who saved the Portuguese Water dog (one of my favourite breeds) from extinction in the early 1930s.

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■ **TORCH BEARERS** Ryan Hope and Tom Mules (front) near Weymouth beach with a torch logo held by Howard Legg (right) and deputy head of Weymouth and Portland 2012 operations team Gary Fooks

Proud to be carrying the torch for Weymouth

THESE are two of the brightest flames in Weymouth and Portland's Olympic and Paralympic build-up.

Ryan Hope (front left) and Tom Mules (front right) have been named as two of more than 200 torch bearers who will carry the Olympic flame through Dorset in mid-July.

Tom's preparations have gone anything but according to plan as the 16-year-old Wey Valley schoolboy snapped a cruciate ligament in one knee while skiing.

But he said: "I will be fit for July to run my 300 metres with the torch! It is a big honour."

Tom, who is studying maths and science for a ca-

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reer in science, got nominated as a torch bearer through his national swimming, through his international biathlon achievements for Great Britain and also for his extensive volunteer sports work in local schools as well helping out with swimming with Thornlow Tornadoes at Osprey Leisure Centre.

Also running 300 metres with the torch through Dorset will be 20-year-old Ryan Hope, an aerospace engineer with FGP on Weymouth's Granby Industrial Estate who received several nominations to be a torch bearer includ-

ing one from Weymouth and Portland council.

Ryan said: "It is an honour and I am glad to be carrying the torch with the Olympic flame."

"I was brought up in Westham which has been represented as a deprived area, so carrying the torch shows just what Westham can do."

"I have been in training to run my 300 metres and I think it will be the proudest day of my life."

Spectators can welcome the torch and its bearers at Chickerey's West Street junction with the B3157 at 5.41pm on Thursday, July

12th before it passes down Lanehouse Rocks Road at 6.15pm and on to Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy at 6.42pm from where it will leave by sea for Weymouth Beach. There its final bearer of the day will start at 7.06pm ahead of a big free show on the sands.

Then on Friday, July 13th, the torch starts at 7.05am from Portland Bill, going through Southwell at 7.34am, Weston at 7.42am, Easton at 7.52am, The Heights at 8.03am, down to Fortuneswell at 8.10am and on to Buxton Road in Weymouth for 8.30am.

The torch will then go on through Hope Square, North Quay, the Swannery Bridge, on to the Esplanade and across to Preston for 10am.

Weymouth and Portland partnerships and special project spokesman Councillor Howard Legg said: "Tom and Ryan are two of more than 200 bearers from Dorset who will carry the torch through Dorset over two days."

"I think it is a great honour for them to be chosen for this experience of a lifetime."

The London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay can be viewed in full at www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay which gives street-by-street details and proposed start times for when the Olympic Flame will travel through Dorset.

Farm and allotments at risk in local plan

A FARM and a large area of allotments in Weymouth have been thrown a lifeline from the threat of being swallowed up for housing and a cemetery extension.

Both Redlands Farm off Dorchester Road and the allotments at Westham Crossroads were at risk under proposals for the new 2011-2031 draft joint Local Plan for West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland.

But members of Weymouth and Portland policy committee, who recommended the draft plan to management committee colleagues, only agreed to do so subject to several suggested changes including withdrawing the farm from potential areas for housing.

Councillor Ian James, who spoke in favour of the farm being withdrawn, said after the meeting that he was "delighted at the lifeline" because he said it had saved "a livelihood, a home and a business".

Councillor Richard Cosior described the farm as "a lung" and members backed Councillor Ray Banham's proposal to withdraw the farm from land designated for potential housing.

Members also agreed with Councillor Gill Taylor that they wanted wording over the allotments changed from the site being considered for a nearby cemetery extension to say that the allotments only had the "potential" to be considered.

But the reprieve gained a lukewarm reception from Westham Crossroads Allotments Association spokesman Kris Smith who said later: "This plan is still a threat to our allotments even with this amendment and we will be watching it like a hawk."

Other aspects of the plan include employment, tourism and the potential development of Weymouth waterfront which might include reclaiming "a sliver" of the inner harbour.

The meeting heard that this might be one way forward to deal with the very poor condition of the harbour walls, a condition lower down the harbour which had forced

Condor out of the port to Poole until at least November.

Members were told reclaiming a bit of the inner harbour so a new wall could be built would be a lot simpler than trying to repair the existing wall which was in "a very poor condition".

Reclamation will be considered before and during public consultation and it will also be included in a special Town Centre Masterplan.

Public consultation on the plan will be in June-July 2012 before it is submitted to the Government in September-October 2012 ahead of public examination in January 2013 and potential adoption in July 2013.

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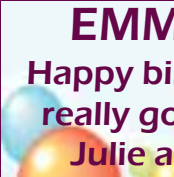
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Fred is new chairman of West Dorset Conservative Association

WEST DORSET | MORE than 100 members of the West Dorset Conservative Association attended their AGM, at Frampton, where Fred Horsington was elected as their new Chairman.

Mr Horsington farms a mixture of dairy, sheep and corn in Nether Cerne.

He is a Parish Councillor and for eight years was a District Councillor representing the Charminster and Cerne Valley Ward.

In his speech to the meeting, at Frampton Village Hall, he set out

his intention to recruit more younger members by making full use of the internet and its social media.

Local MP, Oliver Letwin also spoke at the meeting and answered questions about local, national and international issues.

In reviewing the previous year, members celebrated their victory in the District Council Elections where the Conservatives made gains and won 32 out of the 48 seats and increased their majority over the other parties.



NEW West Dorset Conservative Association Fred Horsington

Hospital trust improves finances

DORSET | THE financial mess which the Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was in last year has significantly improved.

The latest risk ratings issued by Monitor, the watchdog body, show that the Dorchester-based trust has agreed a financial risk rating of three and a governance rating of green for Quarter 3. This time last year the trust was rated one for finance and red for governance.

Trusts are rated one-five for finance, where one represents the highest risk and five the lowest.

The ratings for governance are red, amber-red, amber-green and green.

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Trust Chief Executive Jean O'Callaghan said: "These latest ratings show just how far we have come in the last year.

"We are delighted that the green rating for governance recognises that despite the financial pressures the trust has been under we have improved the quality of patient services. Full credit for this goes to our staff who have worked extremely hard to ensure that we can make sav-

ings without impacting on standards of patient care.

"Despite this success, we recognise that there is no room for complacency and the year ahead will be no less challenging."

Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood said: "This has been a remarkable journey which could not have happened without the total support and commitment of all our staff, the Board, Council of Governors and stakeholders, all of which have played a vital role in securing the future of Dorset County Hospital as a leading acute provider for the local community."

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£2 million and nearly a year to repair ferry berth

MORE than £2 million pounds will be needed to repair Weymouth's crumbling ferry terminal walls and the work could take nearly a year before cross-Channel services can resume.

Weymouth and Portland environment spokesman Councillor Ian Roebuck said the shock departure of Condor to Poole in the wake of major cracks and instability in its berth meant the council was now "looking at bringing forward our long term aspiration to comprehensively develop the ferry berth area".

The council said that early estimates for the more substantial works alone were put at about £2 million.

Mr Roebuck added: "The council understands the importance of Condor Ferries to the borough.

"As a matter of urgency we will be using the time while the berth is vacant to plan, cost and implement a scheme of engineering works so that the area is ready to meet the business needs of the ferry operator by April 2013.

"The council will continue to work with Condor Ferries to ensure this work and any long-term plans for the harbour peninsula as a whole meet their future business needs.

"The council is committed to ensuring that sailings from the town can take place as soon as possible and the port is attractive to ferry operators in the long term."

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Work hailed as "a short term fix" failed to stabilise berth problems and careful monitoring has revealed that the instability is continuing and that the council needs to look at a different and lasting solution.

The authority said that public safety must be the borough council's over-riding concern and the council has kept Condor informed of the developing situation.

Management committee chairman Councillor Mike Goodman said: "The news concerning the state of our harbour walls adjacent to the ferry terminal is very distressing and highlights the constant need to review all our operations regularly to ensure that they are sustainable.

"We have been aware that this particular area has been in need of comprehensive restoration in the future and it was intended that the redevelopment of the whole of that peninsular would address this.

"We are now looking at bringing forward our long term aim to redevelop the ferry berth so it can meet the needs of ferry operators in the future and support the local economy in years to come."

Littlemoor toilet debate goes back to full council

RESIDENTS celebrated after councillors agreed that a petition to get public toilets re-opened at Littlemoor should be thoroughly debated at a full meeting of Weymouth and Portland council.

Many residents were outraged at the way their 1,650-signature petition was handled by the council.

They claimed it hadn't been properly considered and they urged a rethink of management committee's January 3rd decision to leave the toilets shut.

Littlemoor resident Terry Butcher spoke at a meeting of the council's scrutiny committee and asked members to support the issue being properly debated by full council.

He added that the petition showed the strength of feeling to get the toilets reopened because "people would like to have proper toilets not takeaway toilets".

He was supported by Michael Wheller who strongly urged councillors to "think again" and agree full council should debate the matter.

Councillor Kate Wheller said the council needed to "sharpen ourselves up"

while Councillor Richard Kosior wanted to know not just if the council could afford to reopen the toilets but whether it could also afford to keep them open in the face of vandalism which had contributed to their closure.

He added: "I would like to see the toilets open but we live in a society with vandalism."

Councillor Gill Taylor said there was clearly no way forward without finance while chairman Councillor Simon Bowkett said members might feel that the way things had been handled fulfilled the letter of policy but not perhaps the spirit of the petition scheme.

He said residents deserved the issue being fully debated in full council because his concern was that residents felt they had not had a fair hearing.

The meeting then agreed that there should be a debate on the issue by full council with all associated papers available to ensure an informed debate.

A delighted Mr Butcher said after the meeting: "I am very pleased. This is just what the people of Littlemoor wanted."

Fire damage to wildlife park believed to be deliberate

ARSONISTS are being blamed for a fire which destroyed a significant area of a country park in Weymouth.

The blaze at Lodmoor Country Park burnt about 200 square metres of a wildlife area which consisted mostly of reeds.

PC Julian Dingle of Weymouth Police said the fire was believed to have been

started deliberately.

He added: "Anyone who has any information about this incident should contact Dorset Police immediately."

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A Titanic menu to raise lifeboat funds

CHEFS are turning the clock back a century to recreate part of the last dinner ever eaten on board the ill-fated famous luxury

liner Titanic.

Weymouth's Nothe Tavern landlord James Parsons will stage the event on April 13th, the final

evening guests on board Titanic would have eaten dinner before the ship struck an iceberg and sank.

Six of the original eleven courses enjoyed by first class passengers are being recreated and James said: "This evening will be a charity fundraiser for the RNLI which we felt would be appropriate.

"It will be necessary to book and a limit of 50 places will be available at £40 per person.

"We are speaking with our suppliers such as Graingers of Dorchester to subsidise the cost of produce. Our aim is to only cover the costs and all profits will go to the charity.

"There will also be an on the night raffle organised by the RNLI. We would like guests to come dressed in suitable attire and invitation boarding cards will be sent out.

"We have as yet not had any luck finding any string instrument musicians but some background music will be played that was played on that fateful voyage."

The dinner will have particular personal interest for James and his wife, Caroline.

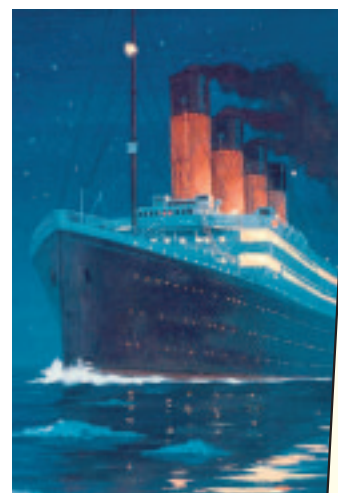
He said: "We met many years ago while we worked at the Deep Sea

Adventure attraction in Weymouth which held a Titanic display and for a period of time I worked in the marine salvage industry as a diver and have an interest in ship wrecks."

Weymouth Lifeboat press officer Ken Francis said: "It will be a six-course banquet just as they would have served on that ill fated cruise.

"James is a long time supporter of the RNLI and a proportion of each customer's bill will be donated to the volunteer crews of Weymouth lifeboat.

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Crewman retires after 17 years

A PAINTING of the Ernest & Mabel was presented to Ken Francis when he retired from Wey-

mouth lifeboat after serving as a volunteer crewman for 17 years. Ken joined in June 1995 when

the RNLI inshore lifeboat was first stationed at Weymouth.

He went on to crew the all weather lifeboat when he reached the upper age limit for inshore lifeboats.

Ken launched on 240 occasions spending a total of 495 hours at sea on operations and was directly involved in the rescuing of 31 people.

Lifeboat crew Julia Hutchings and Graham Keates organised a leaving dinner party at the Ship Inn for Ken which was attended by more than 50 crew, wives and partners, station officials, family and friends.

Coxswain Andy Sargent presented Ken with a water colour painting of Weymouth's RNLI lifeboat Ernest & Mabel painted by local artist Cathy Taylor whose husband, Ian, is a second coxswain on the lifeboat.

Although Ken will no longer be going to sea, he will still be involved with Weymouth Lifeboats as he has recently taken over the post of volunteer press officer for the station.



■ KEN Francis (right) receives a painting from lifeboat Coxswain Andy Sargent

Rotary club pushing on for gold

SHELTERBOX has honoured Weymouth's Melcombe Regis Rotary Club with a Silver Award for donating enough money to buy 50 Shelterboxes.

It joins a Bronze Award which Melcombe won last year for donating enough to purchase 25 Shelterboxes.

Shelterbox is the Rotary charity that provides shelter and dignity to those who have lost everything in a natural or man made disaster.

The Shelterboxes contain a ten-man tent, thermal blankets, a cooker and basic tools and are sent to anywhere in the World where there has been a flood, earthquake, war or any other disaster where families have lost everything. More than one million people have been helped in the ten years since Shelterbox started.

Ian Brooke of Mel-



■ ROTARIAN Ian Brooke with the awards

combe Regis Rotary said. "This is a great honour for our club, but an even greater honour for the people of Weymouth because

without them putting their hard earned cash in our collecting boxes we would not be able to do anything. Thank you Weymouth!

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Entries up and a high standard at show

ENTRIES shot up when Broadwey and Upwey Horticultural Society held their annual spring show in Weymouth.

Nearly 250 exhibits were on display, more than 25 per cent up on 2011. The number of exhibitors was also up from 37 in 2011 to 45 this year.

Horticultural judge Derek Luther travelled to the event from Ferndown and said how impressed he was with the quality of the entries.

He added: "By and large, the presenta-

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tion of the entries was first class.

"The skill of the exhibitors in growing the plants and presenting them in an attractive fashion was clear to see."

Chairman Ros Gant said: "The number of entries was fantastic, really pleasing."

"I am always impressed by the floral art and the judge, Sheila Bendall, said entries

were to a very high standard.

"It was also nice to get more children's entries in all classes and we hope that the increase in interest continues into our summer show in August."

RESULTS:

Junior Cup, highest points, children's classes: Isla Brown.

Downer Cup, best photographic print: Margaret Reeves.

Nottingham Cup, best exhibit, handicrafts: Douglas White.

Littlemead Cup, highest points, preserves and cookery: Shirley Dunne.

Ridgeway Cup, highest points, propagation: Bill Haworth.

Shield, highest points, novice section: Josie Brown and Meg Ralfe.

Best exhibit, floral art: Ruth Haworth.

Grandshaw Cup, highest points, pot plants:

Bill Haworth.

Golds Candelabra, best exhibit, pot plants, excluding bulbs: Bill Haworth.

Golds Shield, best exhibit, bulbs in pots: Bill Haworth.

Ladies' Spring Cup, highest points, sections 1-6: Meg Rolfe.

Spring Show Cup, runner-up to highest points, sections 1-6: Ray Hayward.

Benson Cup, highest points, sections 1-6: Bill Haworth.

Shield, best exhibit, class 23: Bill Haworth.

Silver Trophy, best exhibit, other cut flowers, excluding class 23: Bill Haworth.

Two Diploma Awards for daffodil classes: Ray Hayward.

Best Bloom in Daffodils: Ray Hayward.

Medal for best Vase in Show: Frank Newberry.

Broadwey and Upwey Daffodil Championship Salver: Ray Hayward.



■ JUDGE DEREK Luther gives his personal praise to an entry



■ CHAIRMAN Ros Gant by the winning floral art entry

Volunteers sought for talking newspaper

A COFFEE morning is being held by South West Dorset talking Newspaper for the Blind in Weymouth on Saturday, March 24th at 10am.

The event at St Mary's Church in St Mary Street includes an appeal for more volunteers, particularly for Wednesday mornings when the group is a little short of manpower for the copying and recording of the magazine which is produced weekly, free of charge, to anyone with a visual impairment.

The group is particularly keen to encourage anyone who may be interested in helping the talking newspaper to go along and find out a little more.

Volunteers with a basic knowledge of computers are also needed for a couple of hours each month to help with administration work.

Those able to help can go along to the coffee morning or ring chairman Ann Sawtell on 01305782602. People can also find more information about the group on www.swdtn.co.uk.

Sinfonia invitation

DORSET Sinfonia is inviting people to its open rehearsals on March 28th at 7.30pm at Melcombe Avenue Methodist Church in Weymouth.

This informal affair will be a chance for people to see how the Sinfonia works.

The event, the second of two open evenings, will feature local soloists Peter Ross playing some Chopin piano music and the Sinfonia's Caroline Thomas singing an aria from The Magic Flute. Entry is free.

The Sinfonia hopes people will be attracted to the evening, especially those who might be thinking of rejoining an orchestra after years of abstinence.

Towed to safety

WEYMOUTH'S RNLI inshore lifeboat was launched to help the 20 feet motor vessel Rita Ann with one person on board which had broken down with engine problems near the Hood entrance to Portland Harbour.

The vessel was drifting towards Grove Point and the inshore lifeboat took it in tow and returned it to its own berth in Weymouth Marina where coastguards were waiting to offer advice to the skipper.



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Live on the beach

DETAILS have been released of the spectacular Weymouth and Portland Olympic Live central beach site from July 26th-August 12th.

The free to enter site will mainly focus on screening the London 2012 sailing events from July 29th-August 11th, usually from noon until 6pm each day. The site will also be used to screen other Olympic sporting competitions, especially in the evenings when some of the key athletic events will be held.

The Live site will be able to entertain up to 15,000 visitors at a time, broadcasting live BBC coverage of the 2012 Olympic Games on two giant 60sqm screens. The site will also be the focal point for the region's cultural events as part of the Maritime Mix London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by the Sea.

Next to Live will be an interactive sports arena running from July 27th-August 12th from 10am-6pm daily offering up to 2,000 people per day a chance to try out top sports from football, cricket and rugby to volleyball, bowling, sailing and kayaking.

Weymouth and Portland special projects spokesman Councillor Howard Legg said: "This summer's programme of events for Weymouth and Portland promises to be a once in a lifetime experience for everybody involved.

"The Olympic Live Site on Weymouth Beach will be a fabulous venue for people to enjoy and share in the London 2012 Olympics with the big screens and an impressive and diverse range of cultural events. The Live Site will also be a great venue for visitors to try out a range of beach and water based events at the Sports Arena."

Other aspects of Live includes the Battle for the Winds on July 26th and 28th, a unique theatrical event to mark the opening celebrations of the 2012 Sailing events.

Live will also feature screening of the Olympic opening ceremony in London's Olympic Park and Stadium on July 27th including a magnificent firework display in Weymouth Bay. The Live Site will also be used to showcase Coastal Voices and Welcome Songs, part of the Maritime Mix - London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by the Sea.

Those interested in all the latest information about the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games in Dorset can visit www.dorsetforyou.com/london2012 while more information on Maritime Mix London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by the Sea is available by visiting www.maritimemix2012.co.uk.

Olympic ambassadors are in the pink!

ORGANISERS have unveiled uniforms to be worn by Weymouth and Portland Ambassadors for the London 2012 sailing events.

The ambassadors will provide the welcoming smile, give information and offer advice to visitors at key locations during celebrations.

The uniforms will be worn by 12,000 Ambassador volunteers at all Olympic and Paralympic venues and have been designed to keep in line with the look and feel of the Games.

Local logos have been added for Team Weymouth and Portland with each ambassador being given two polo shirts, a fleece,

and a weatherproof jacket.

Weymouth and Portland Ambassador Tessa Kerry, 58, from Blandford Forum, said: "This is a once in a lifetime event and I wanted to be part of it.

"Hosting the Olympics has brought out a pride in me I never knew I had. I am looking forward to meeting people from all over the world and showing off our beautiful county with all its hidden gems.

"I'm thrilled with the uniforms we will be wearing and think they look wonderful. My son has already said he wants it but I'm going to hold on to it tightly!"

Sixteen-year-old Cameron Avant, a student at All Saints

school in Wyke Regis, said: "The Olympics are a huge event and volunteering is something really exciting and different to do over the summer.

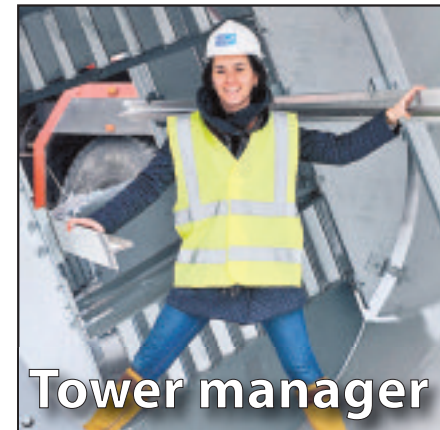
"I go and see rugby games but I've never been to a sporting event like this so I'm really looking forward to being involved. I'm a bit nervous but it will be great to meet new people and a few of my friends from school are also volunteering.

"My family are really proud of me and looking forward to seeing me in my uniform!"

Cameron and Tessa were amongst the first volunteers to step forward to be Weymouth and Portland Ambassadors.



■ TESSA Kerry and Cameron Avant display their Olympic uniforms



Tower manager

IT will be up, up and away for Raquel Cubillo, pictured, who has become marketing manager for the new Sea Life Tower in Weymouth.

The 36-year-old mum of two from Kings Road, Weymouth, has been watching the tower climbing skywards at a rapid rate on the resort's Festival Pier.

Born in Weymouth and educated at St Augustine's Primary, the Convent of the Sacred Hearts and Weymouth College, Raquel graduated from Bournemouth University with a degree in International Marketing Management.

She spent a year working for oil company Elf in Paris, managing partnerships including an alliance with the then-fledgling Eurotunnel.

After a break, she joined New Look in Weymouth and by the time she departed 12 years later had reached the position of international brand manager.

Raquel said: "I'd been keeping an eye on Merlin Entertainments for quite a while and was immediately interested when I learned they were looking for a marketing manager for the new tower.

Raquel's job will be to ensure that holidaymakers, day-trippers, schools and groups make a trip up the new tower a priority and she is confident she can meet that challenge.

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'Sleep tight beautiful princess'

THE family of a five-year-old girl, Lily-Mae Jeffries, who died following a collision in Weymouth, issued a tribute to their daughter as the inquest into her death was opened and adjourned.

John and Charlene Jeffries had left their three daughters - Kaycee-Ann aged 10, Annabella, aged 6, and Lily-Mae with their caring and capable grandparents for the weekend while they attended a birthday celebration.

As the girls and their grandmother crossed the road to reach Radipole Lake to feed the swans and ducks they were in collision with two motorcycles.

Mr and Mrs Jeffries said: "There is no other reason than to believe this was anything but a tragic accident and our thoughts are also with the motorcyclists who were involved as they are no doubt feeling immense grief due to the nature of what happened. The emergency services were on the scene within minutes and did their best for everyone."

"Lily-Mae and her grandmother were flown directly to Southampton Hospital via air-ambulance where the intensive care treatment and support they were given was second to none."

"Lily-Mae fell peacefully asleep a little before 6am on Monday, March 12th in her mummy and daddy's arms."

"Lily-Mae's grandmother remains in hospital and is receiving continued treatment related to her injuries."

"Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those involved in the treatment and support given to our children and their grandmother, we would

especially like to thank any passers-by who assisted during the accident, the air-ambulance crews for their swift response, all other emergency service members who attended the scene and Dr Kim Sykes and her wonderful team at the PICU in Southampton who made Lily-Mae's last few hours of life as peaceful and comfortable as they could be."

"We would also like to extend our deepest thanks to all the staff and personnel at Dorchester Hospital who cared for Kaycee-Ann and Annabella who are now home and safe and reunited with their brother Anthony."

"Lily-Mae's passing has left an unfillable void in all of our lives."

"She was the apple of our eye and made us smile 100 times a day with her appetite for life and her infectious zest and spirit. She made an impression on everybody she met and had nothing but love, smiles, hugs and kisses to give to all she knew and loved."

"Sleep tight beautiful princess."



The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

A deaf ear

AT THE time of writing this, my right ear has been completely deaf for the last few days. It happened suddenly, for unknown reasons and with no indication of how long this will continue. It is a handicap about which I have prayed and sought medical advice.

I believe it was more than coincidence that when I tuned in to The Daily Service on Radio 4 today, the chosen subject was about the deaf man who was brought to Jesus (Mark 7: 32-34).

Meanwhile, I am discovering a little of how deaf people must feel, having to cope with a comparatively silent world. Hopefully, I shall be more appreciative of their problems in future. But what about those who can hear clearly but choose not to listen? In other words, they turn a deaf ear to what-ever makes them uncomfortable - including God.

It seems that the Christian gospel often has this effect. Mark Twain, referring to people who were bothered by Bible passages they didn't understand, admitted that the passages that bothered him were the ones he did understand!

When Jesus healed the deaf man He used a word that means: "Be opened." That is my prayer. Is it yours?

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

All stickered up

IT has been said that you never see the accident coming which has got your name on it.

Nothing could be truer for a number of town centre motorists who, never mind accidents, couldn't see anything at all coming up behind them for the sheer number of stickers plastered all over their rear windscreens.

Half a dozen stickers were quite common and I could have driven a 30-ton tank up behind one motorist without being seen because he actually had 11 stickers which totally obscured more than half his rear windscreen.

What is it with these people who feel it necessary to pointlessly advertise the fact that they've seen everything from Lands End to the Lions of Longleat?

I can't see it cutting much ice with the police who, on finally getting a car to stop and asking the driver why he ignored their blue flashing lights, are unlikely to be too impressed by a response that: "Sorry officer. You were obscured by my No Excuse! sticker."

Far more likely is that officers will kindly help such motorists to add to their collection, not with a sticker but with a ticket.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing

CONDOR has left Weymouth for a berth in Poole which is not in imminent danger of collapsing into the harbour.

They leave behind them much papering over of cracks and I'm not talking about the vastly increased bill for repairs which has risen from £50,000 to more than £2 million.

Some years ago decisions were taken to siphon cash off from the profitable harbour account and use it for projects elsewhere instead of squirreling a few £noughts away to meet big harbour repair bills in the future.

Yes, hindsight is a wonderful thing, but now we have to live with that decision, something the Harbour Board – which doesn't control harbour cash – has been warning about for quite a while.

Now the profit has hit the fan amid stern comments that all councillors bear equal responsibility for earlier decisions.

Fortunately the council, faced with being left ferryless under the eyes of the Olympic world, has come up with a novel solution.

Alexandra Shackleton, the replica lifeboat

produced at Portland to mark Sir Ernest Shackleton's epic rescue voyage nearly a century ago, is to be pressed into emergency service to fill the gap left by Condor.

Of course, and in the best traditions of harbour profiteering, the council will not be paying the oarsmen but asking them for a fee per hundred strokes for upholding the honour of Weymouth as a transport port.

And the public response from potential oarsmen to the council over the whole sorry saga?.....Rowlocks!

How very in keeping with the spirit of the Games!

I HAVE finally decided that there is no hope left for this country.

My despair has been caused by the news that the single biggest threat to British athletes winning a medal in the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events at Weymouth and Portland is.....shaking hands with someone!

Medical experts apparently feel that pressing hands could lead to our super fit Olympic team members running the risk of catching rudder rash or some other bug which might

threaten their chances of a medal.

All doctors voicing such advice need to be given a serious lecture on two points.

Firstly, the Olympics takes for its symbol five intertwined rings to represent the unity of the five inhabited continents...and there isn't much unity in snubbing a handshake.

Secondly, when the Olympic movement got its act together and first properly regulated the sport it was for the 1908 Olympics where Great Britain won four sailing gold medals

and finished top in a year when typhoid, cholera, tetanus and other diseases and illnesses were much more serious and much more common than they are now.

Surely any attempt to abandon handshakes for the clinical pursuit of glory does nothing for the true traditions of the Olympic ideal never mind making us a laughing stock with everyone else taking part. I for one hope all our athletes ignore such inappropriate advice.

The joy of a giant sandcastle

SHRIEKS of delight poured from one group of children when they dashed across Weymouth Sands to take advantage of the biggest sandcastles they had ever seen.

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'Exciting time' to join the hospital governors

WEST DORSET | RETIRING county hospital governor Jo Bowkett is urging local people to consider volunteering for the role.

Jo, who is stepping down as a West Dorset governor after three years for family reasons, hopes to encourage new people to nominate themselves to the council of governors.

She said: "There are challenging times ahead in the NHS so it would be an exciting time to join the governors."

"It's a rewarding role having the opportunity to represent the views of constituents and convey those views to the board.

“It is tremendously satisfying having an input into the hospital’s strategic plan – it’s exciting knowing that the views of the public count.

“As governors we visit the hospital too so we get the chance to see the plans we have

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discussed and helped shape in practice.

"We also have an important role to play as ambassadors for the hospital, conveying what the hospital is doing back to the public, and you get the chance to meet some wonderful people."

As part of the campaign to persuade people to put themselves forward for the role two drop-in information sessions were held in Dorchester last week.

The sessions were held on Friday 16th at the Trust HQ and in the Children's Centre.

Nominations for the posts have to be received by March 29th.

To nominate yourself you must be a mem-

ber of the Foundation Trust within the constituency for which you wish to stand. Elections are being held for public governors in Weymouth and Portland, West Dorset, North Dorset, Purbeck and South Somerset. There is also one vacancy for a staff governor, which is open to everyone who works for the trust provided they are over 18.

For more information please contact trust secretary Margaret Godfrey on 01305 255419 or margaret.godfrey@dchft.nhs.uk.

All members of the trust will be receiving ballot papers which they must return by May 11th.

If you are not already a member of DCHFT and would like to join so you can vote in the elections or stand for election, please visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/foundation/index.html or call 0870 707 1549



KID'S Dorset author, Sarah-Jane Forder, photographer Daniel Rushall and designer Emily Moxon

Win a copy of 'Kid's Dorset'

DORCHESTER | WITH Easter just around the corner we've teamed up with local publishers, Roving Press, to offer a copy of their latest book, "Kid's Dorset."

It offers almost a hundred pages of idea for parents, carers and grandparents who might be stuck for something to do with the children.

Dorchester author Sarah-Jane Forder has spent a year researching the book, working with photographer Daniel Rushall and designer Emily Moxon to put it together in time for Thursday's launch at the county museum.

The book's publishers, Roving Press, are based at Frampton and the book itself was printed by local firm, Henry Ling.

More than 40 places and associated activities are featured in the book, each suggested and tested by local children and their parents.

"Many of the ideas are free, proving

that you don't have to spend a fortune to have a good time," said Sarah-Jane.

"Children are so lucky to grow up here – it's a fantastic place to be."

Each of the featured attractions has essential details, and often little-known facts, written about it, together with tips on how to get there and where to park.

Among the attractions are Abbotsbury's Swannery; crab catching at West Bay, the Old Crown Court and Kingston Mauward at Dorchester, the 'ammonite graveyard' at Lyme and Morcombelake's Golden Cap. Born and brought up in Dorset, Sarah-Jane Forder now lives in Dorchester. She has spent a career in book and magazine publishing.

To win a copy of the book answer the question: "Where are the publishers of Kid's Dorset based" and send your answer, by email, to Trevor Bevins - trevorbevins@gmail.com.

Expert milliner to give talk at exhibition

DORCHESTER | A DAY school is being held at the county museum at the end of the month to complement the museum's current Hats to Handbags exhibition.

The event, on Saturday, March 31st will focus on professional milliner Liisa Walker from Swanage.

Taking place between 10am and 4pm, she will talk about her work and how she came into the millinery business, as well as demonstrating some basic hat-making techniques.

Alongside demonstrations, Liisa will display examples of hats made from different materials such as felt, straw and sinamay - a modern straw-like material made from banana fibre.

Originally Liisa worked for a textile company and seven-years-ago was attracted to a "Make a Hat in a Day" course. She went along, produced the best hat there, and was immediately hooked.

Liisa has continued her training through professional courses run by Rose Cory in London.

Today Liisa runs her workshop from her Swanage home – an area with a history of hat-making dating from the early 19th century when workshops were established in the town to provide girls with suitable employment. The area grew to be a centre for the manufacture of bonnets and straw hats although there is little evidence of this left today.

A selection of her hats can currently be seen in the front window of the museum.

The museum exhibition continues until mid-April and features items from the museum's costume and textile collection to show what was worn, made and bought in Dorset from the 18th century onwards.

Illustrating how fashions adapted to keep pace with the change in women's lives, the exhibition covers the history of women's fashion in shoes, bags, gloves, fans and parasols.

Tickets for the Hats to Handbags Day School on Saturday, March 31st cost £15 and are available now from the museum shop on 01305 756827 or by emailing shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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DORSET | WEYMOUTH Pavilion is sold out for the Best of Dorset Show on Sunday, March 25th when more than 1,500 people are expected to visit the Ocean Room, Theatre and forecourt.

The event will open with a fashion show by George at Asda while other new features include paddle board displays and demonstrations of the new hit fitness class Zumba dancing.

Main sponsor, the 98-bedroom Riviera Hotel, will be at the show and general manager Kevin Bungay said: "It is all coming together so well and we are really looking forward to meeting all the other exhibitors."

"The event is sold out which is very positive news in this climate and we will be letting people know about our £4million refurbishment and our re-opening in early April."

"We have had loads of inquiries already and all the signs are for a bumper season."

Weymouth and Portland events officer Steve Davies was equally upbeat and said: "This is the 12th Best of Dorset Show and it is going to be the biggest. We are sold out and we had to work hard to squeeze the last few entries in."

"The great and the good will be coming here to celebrate all that is best about Dorset."

The annual leisure show offers Dorset based attractions, businesses and organisations a unique opportunity to promote their services and facilities to the public and trade.

It will include the Weymouth and Portland 2012 Operations Team which will be on hand to advise on all up to date 2012 issues surrounding the Weymouth and Portland Olympic and Paralympic Games sailing events.

Others at the Show include WOW Youth Theatre, the Nothe Fort Re-enactment group, Ed Hintz, Punch and Judy and community singers while Weymouth's famous tall ship TS Pelican will be offering visitors a free tour of the ship.

Weymouth and Portland leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood said: "The Show offers many local businesses and organisations a great opportunity to raise awareness of their services, generate new business and promote their activities and products."

"As the country experiences a challenging economic time it makes this show even more significant, a recognisable and important boost for our local economy."

Games Makers prepare for 'greatest show on earth'

WEYMOUTH | HUNDREDS of Games Makers have been given their first training session ahead of Weymouth and Portland staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events.

Weymouth Pavilion was packed with people from as far away as Southampton and Portsmouth as well as local volunteers.

All of them had had their offers accepted to help run the "greatest show on earth" in a variety of capacities from administration and media helpdesks to delivering sailing results and stewarding.

Games Makers filed into the Pavilion Theatre to hear about heritage and the importance of the games and to be given an insight into what working at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy will be like.

Among those taking part was 53-year-old Sharon May, an administrator with Weymouth Children's Centre.

She said: "When I heard that I had been accepted as a Games Maker I was really pleased."

"I was on Portland when it was announced that we'd won the games and I decided, that's it, I have got to get involved. I am most looking forward now to just being involved with the event and meeting the athletes."

"I will be in the competition office at the Academy, so right at the heart of the action, just how I like it. My daughter, Katherine, is really jealous."

She was joined at the orientation by Hazel Shaw who, with husband Brian, will be manning a media helpdesk at the Academy.

Hazel and Brian are no strangers to

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Olympic excitement as their daughter, Bryony, won an Olympic windsurfing bronze medal at the Beijing Games in 2008.

Hazel said: "This is the fulfilment of a hope and a dream for Brian and I."

"The excitement of the games itself, the buzz that goes with the Olympics is what I am looking forward to."

"Sailing is unique because there will be a lot of races leading up to the medal race when only ten boats in each class race for the medals, so it is very nerve wracking but very exciting."

Training was presented by rugby legend John Inverdale and Team GB sailing team leader Stephen Park.

John said: "One of the problems is that an awful lot of people don't volunteer because they want to watch the games. In all about 250,000 people did apply and 70,000 got picked."

"The great thing is that you can watch any event on television but you only get one shot at being personally involved in the Olympic Games."

"Two things define the games - the performance of the athletes and the performance of the helpers."

"If helpers are miserable then when people leave they will take that misery away with them instead of happiness."

"Weymouth and Portland Games Makers are clearly keen but they will have to be aware that conditions can, at times, be fraught."



■ JOHN Inverdale who presented the training session

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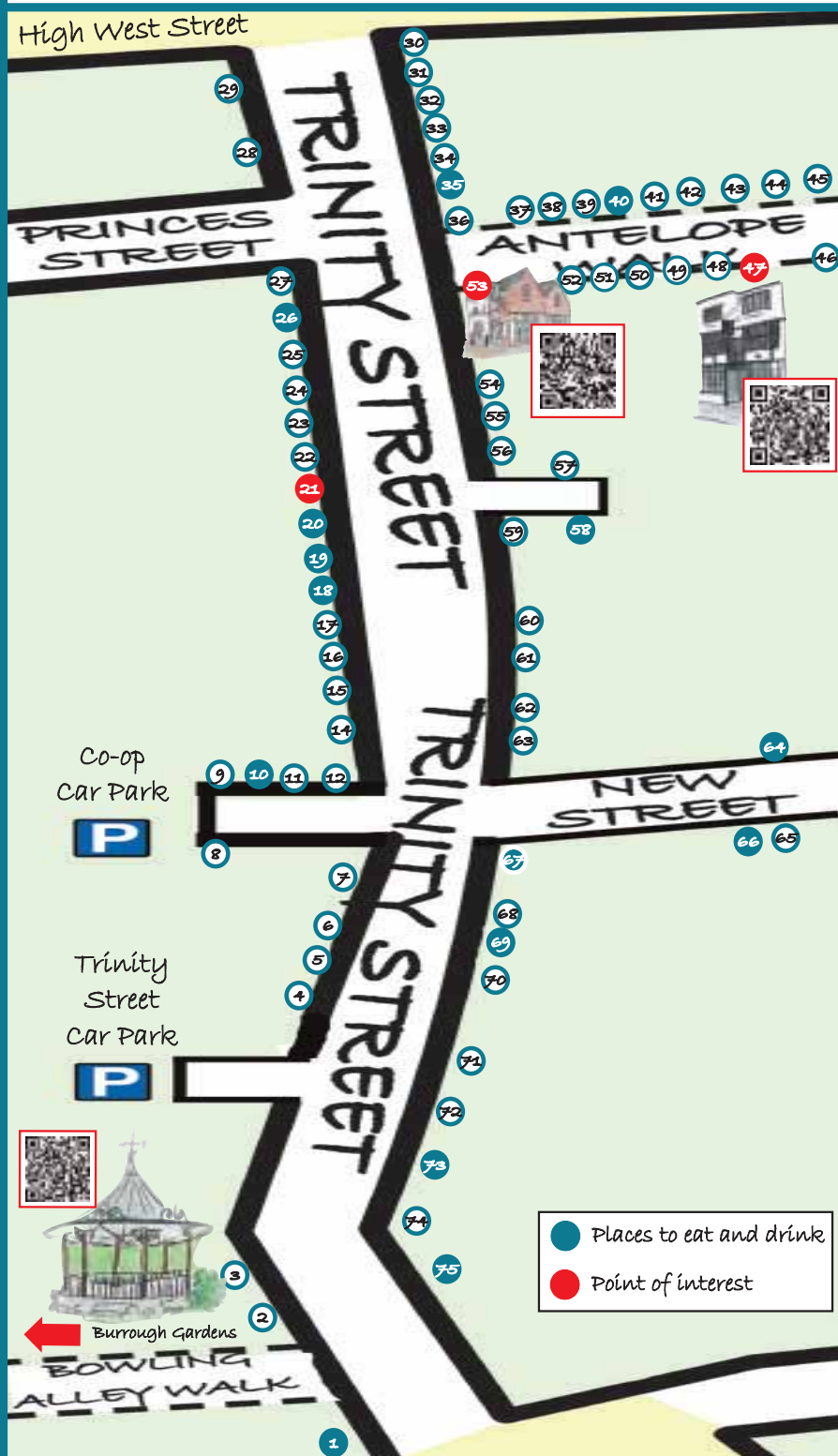


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Dining at the table of the master

MARK Hix is not your archetypal celebrity chef. You won't hear him screaming and shouting in his kitchens, he's not overfussed about appearing on television and his dishes are distinctly uncheffy in presentation.

Mark's style of cooking is all about ingredients, sourcing them and presenting his dishes in a simple fashion that does not detract from taste.

And there's no better way of sampling his stunning array of seasonal dishes than by sitting at his kitchen table in his delightful Charmouth home, with breathtaking views over Lyme Bay.

Throughout the summer Mark takes time out from running his expanding empire of restaurants in London and the hugely popular Oyster and Fish House in Lyme Regis to demonstrate his refreshingly simplistic take on British gastronomy by staging open cooking demonstrations in his Dorset home.

With another series of demonstrations planned for this

PHILIP EVANS enjoys a lunchtime treat at the home of celebrated chef and food writer MARK HIX

summer, I was invited to join six other guests, two of whom travelled all the way from Bradford, especially for the occasion. They left more than satisfied that the long journey was well worth the time and expense.

Mark is a pretty laid-back bloke; indeed in the *Sunday Times* acerbic restaurant reviewer A.A. Gill implied that Mark was more interested in partying than spending hours in his kitchens. I can't make up my mind whether that was a compliment or not, but Mark didn't seem too upset by the observation.

Comforting smell

Greeted with one of his seriously alcoholic Hix Fix cocktails, and treated to a pre-lunch smoked salmon taster, the comforting smell of freshly made sour dough bread wafted across Mark's kitchen as we arrived.

With one of his trusty lieutenants keeping our glasses topped up (there's wine aplenty) Mark made the preparation of the four-course lunch seem ridiculously simple, explaining how he had sourced the various ingredients and offering a few tips along the way in that matter-of-fact manner which adds much to the informality of his culinary style.

We started with cuttlefish risotto, flavoured with squid ink, a first for me. The risotto was cooked to perfection, as might be expected, wet but not runny, and teased the taste buds in readiness for the delights to follow.

Next up turned out to be my favourite of the day - marinated scallop and duck liver salad, a delicious summer dish, a recipe that Mark first came across when he worked under the outstanding chef, Anton Edelmann, at the Grovesnor House hotel in London. In those days the dish was topped with foie gras but

having been brought up on all kinds of offal, the duck liver made the dish for me.

Another new taste came with course number three - lambs' sweetbreads with asparagus and wild garlic. In the menu which accompanied our lunch, sweetbreads were described as tender and delicious, a "perfect spring treat" - and so they proved. The asparagus was the first of the season from the Wye Valley.

To crown one of the nicest lunches I've ever had, we finished with sea buckthorn blancmange, made from the bitter juice of the sea berry, sourced by the Hix empire's very own forager, served in quaint little moulds that Mark spotted in a junk shop. And how nice to eat a proper blancmange again.

Mark is a great advocate of using ingredients that grow on our doorsteps and his chefs in Lyme are often despatched along the shoreline collecting ingredients that add such flavour to the menu at the Oyster and Fish House.

Mark entertained us with anecdotes in his modest manner about his successful career, which started at Weymouth Technical College. He is now one of the most respected chefs in an industry crowded with big egos, and a prolific writer of cookbooks which have produced many awards and accolades.

Everyone who dines in his kitchen goes home with a copy of one of his books - and the satisfaction of knowing that you have just dined at the master's table.

Future dates for open cooking demonstrations at Mark's home include May 14, June 11, July 16 and September 10. Book by emailing jharris@hixfoodetc.co.uk



■ MARK'S guests and staff join him on the terrace of his Charmouth home, overlooking Lyme Bay after lunch



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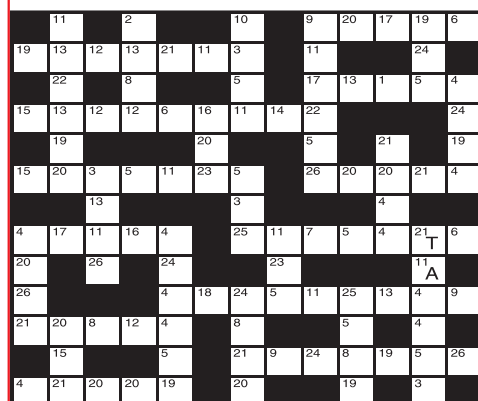
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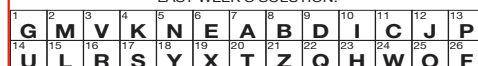
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9. A child of spirit (3)
10. Deep feeling trouble with an allowance (9)
12. Naughty Mica eats pie and gets blood poisoning (11)
15. Not the best moment to sort things out (6-5)
17. A question of personal welfare (3,3,3)
19. A punitive measure (3)
21. Get down to making a proposal? (5)
22. A title indeed much wished for (7)

Quick Clues:

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6. Deceive (7)
7. Calm (5)
9. Merry (3)
10. Litter (9)
12. Liberation (11)
15. Narrator (5-6)
17. Food (9)
19. Attempt (3)
21. The pick (5)
22. Nimbleness (7)

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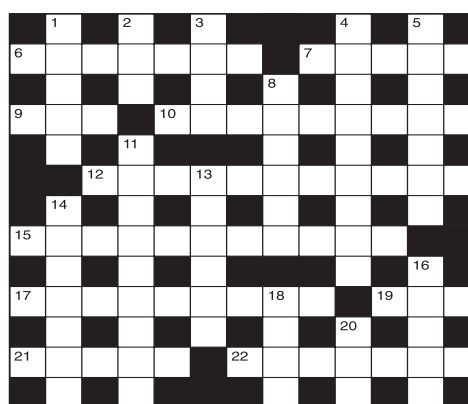
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2. Man of intelligence? (3)
3. The best part of a play (4)
4. Was given a grammatical definition (4,5)
5. It may be left on the river-bed or in the bank (7)
8. Nucleobase found initially under rocks and concealed in lichens (6)
11. An extraordinary deed or act may get you this (9)
13. Put to rights, it went back and expired (6)
14. Tell a story about a foreign nobleman (7)
16. Figures it's only one among hundreds (5)
18. Finished in a superior position (4)
20. The energy of six thousand (3)

Down

1. Rot (5)
2. Sever (3)
3. Level (4)
4. Buyer (9)
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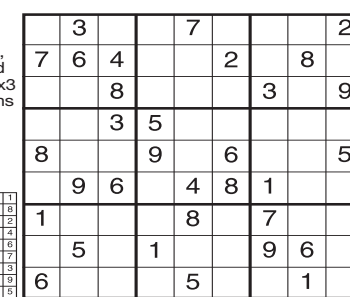
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Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



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Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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Top milliner to give talk at Hats To Handbags school

LIISA Walker is a professional milliner based in Swanage, Dorset. On Saturday, March 31st at the Hats to Handbags Day School which accompanies the current exhibition at Dorset County Museum, she will talk about her work, how she came into the millinery business, and demonstrate some basic hat-making techniques.

Liisa works with traditional methods which have been around for hundreds of years. Using imported felt 'hoods', she will demonstrate how these basic

cone-shaped blanks can be turned into a variety of shapes to make different types of hat. The hoods come in many versions and Liisa starts by choosing the size and colour best suited to her final design. The first stage is to put the hood onto a wooden block, wet it and pin it into shape, then wait for it to dry – a process which usually takes about 24 hours. The blocks used come in various shapes and sizes and can be very expensive – a milliner may have

dozens of blocks, representing a considerable investment. As the hoods dry they take on the shape of the block and the process moves to the next stage which involves fitting the headbands, shaping the brims, lining and decorating.

Alongside the demonstration, Liisa will display examples of hats made from different materials such as felt, straw and sinamay – a modern straw-like material made from banana fibre which is much easier to work than straw but which produces a similar effect in the finished design.

Liisa runs her workshop from her Swanage home – an area with a his-

tory of hat-making dating from the early 19th century when workshops were established in the town to provide girls with suitable employment. The area grew to be a centre for the manufacture of bonnets and straw hats although there is little evidence of this left today.

A selection of hats made by Liisa can currently be seen in the front window of the Museum.

Tickets for the Hats to Handbags Day School on Saturday, March 31st cost £15 and are available now from the Museum Shop on 01305 756827 or by emailing shop@dorsetcounty-museum.org

Fantastic line up for March Comedy Café

COMEDY at the Bridport Arts Centre will get you full of the joys of spring this month.

The monthly comedy cafe returns with it's strongest line up to date on Friday, March 23rd, with another six acts all hoping to get the Bridport crowd laughing.

The night features five new acts, all fresh onto the circuit, and a headline act who is preparing for his first hour long solo show.

Opening the show will be Leicester based acts David Murphy and Martin England. Both comedians are still relatively new on the circuit but, aided by a month long run at last year's Edinburgh Festival, are already developing a unique storytelling style that can charm any audience.

Following them will be Gareth Thomas, yet another promising new comedian to come out of Wales and already with some notable success in comedy competitions to his name.

Closing the first half will be the effervescent Larry Dean, an act already being tipped for TV stardom by the likes of comedy veteran Scott Capuro.

Larry's relaxed self deprecating style puts the audience in the palm of his hand and always leaves them hungry for more.

The final new act of the night will be Gary Tro, whose anecdotal style has already seen him receive rave reviews as part of a five star Edinburgh show.

Headlining the night will be the effortlessly witty James Alderson who has taken the comedy world by storm since his debut in 2010.

James is no stranger to the Westcountry having already performed short sets in Lyme Regis, Axminster and Beaminsters in the past and stolen the show on every occasion.

He now returns with a full headline set as he prepares for his first hour long show "One of your 5-a-day".

The Guide Awards best comedian nominee will undoubtedly have audience members in fits of laughter, pointing at their partners and saying "you do that".

Tickets always sell fast so get yours early to avoid disappointment.

The March Bridport Arts Centre Comedy Café will be at 8pm on Friday, March 23rd.

Tickets are available from the box office 01308 424204, £5 adults/£3 concessions.

Casterbridge Male Voice Choir to perform charity concert in Bridport

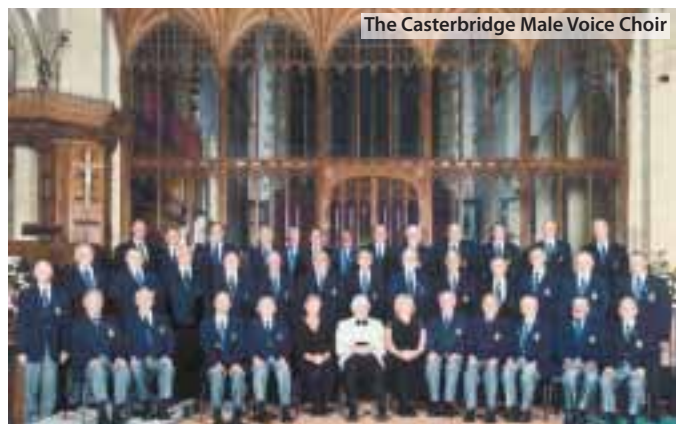
THE Casterbridge Male Voice Choir is coming to town to raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. The concert will take place at St Mary's Church, South Street, Bridport on Wednesday, March 28th at 7.30pm.

This Dorchester based choir has raised many tens of thousands of pounds for various charities and churches over the past 70 years, yet still manages to keep up with the musical times and sing currently favourite songs with some of the old Male Voice Choir favourites.

It is over three years since they sang in this area, and they are looking forward to rectifying this and also being able to help the Air Ambulance charity. With the recent enthusiasm and interest resurging in Choirs, thanks to programmes like the Chivenor Army Wives Choir and the like, it is hoped that people will be interested enough to come and listen to live singing and for such a worthy cause.

The music will range from music from popular and traditional songs, to grand opera and is as varied as the background that the members come from. The members of the Choir come from all over the area and indeed there are several singers from the Bridport area in their ranks.

The choir is always happy to welcome new members and also to consider singing for any worthy charity (although they have a packed schedule this year). If you want any further information please contact their Secretary Geoff Faulkner by calling 01308 897275 or got to www.casterbridgemvc.co.uk



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HEADLINER | James Alderson

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

THE DEVONIAN poet Patricia Beer (1919-1999), published her last book of poems in 1997 ('Autumn' from Carcanet Press). The final seven verses in the collection form a 'Sequence' charting her journey through illness. The three poems below are numbers four, five and six.

RECOVERY ROOM

The noise in the recovery room
Was half football and half hum

Like a well-mannered gallery
Of pictures that I could not see.

And then a name disrupted it:
The hated name of childhood: Pat,

A name I had not answered to
For fifty years and would not now.

Another voice began to talk:
Pat. And still I did not speak,

My husband waited in my room
And in the end they sent for him,

And after an hour or two of this,
I heard Patricia. And said 'Yes'

POST-OPERATIVE CONFUSION

Back home. Sixty years dead my mother
Is chattering downstairs. My father

Is in the kitchen making tea
As if this domesticity

Would prove that he had never been
A child-abuser or profane,

Both of them very idle fears,
He has been dead thirty-five years.

CONVALESCENCE

I am on my own. My husband
Is away (and I am housebound)

Seeing his mother, ninety-five.
He found her less dead than alive,

Gardening, before the sun
Got warmer than the air and when

The grass still smelled of night and fear.
She was preparing for New Year,

Planting early bulbs that looked
Scaly, mauve and undercooked.

She has not buried them in vain.
And some sick people rise again.

If you would like to read more of Patricia's poetry there is also the 'Patricia Beer - Collected Poems' which Carcanet published in 1988.

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pmedia@pmedia.co.uk

View 2 Diary Dates

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendship Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

DORCHESTER: Choral Concert of Rossini's Messe Solennelle with Jennifer Thomas (Soprano), Susan Mackenzie-Park (Alto), Christopher Hobkirk (Tenor) and Simon Gallear (Bass), with director of music Colin Howard. At St Mary's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Harmony Music and Choir Members. Call 01305 262005 for more details.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society are holding their Spring Show at Southill Community Centre and would like to welcome members and the public to view the exhibits from 2.15pm. As well as the spring display there will be a raffle and refreshments to enjoy and at 4pm the Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth & Portland will present the trophies to the prizewinners. Further details from Peter or Julie on 772533.

SUNDAY MARCH 25TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminsters Games Club meet at Beaminsters Youth Centre (6 Prout Bridge, DT8 3AY). We do everything from Role Playing, board gaming, war gaming and Collectable card games. Every Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. For more details call 01308 862528. All welcome and it's free!

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

SYDLING ST NICHOLAS: Sydling Springs Easter Egg Hunt, including a fabulous egg hunt, bouncy castle, egg and spoon race and more. From 2.30pm at the village hall, East Street (DT2 9BP). Bring your wellies! In aid of Sydling Springs Preschool.

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SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

AXMINSTER, DEVON: Hands on session devoted to tool sharpening. A chance to try a range of dedicated equipment as well as guidance on freehand grinding. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to 1 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717.

SUNDAY APRIL 8TH

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FRIDAY APRIL 20TH

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Watermelon Slim

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He plays at Dorchester Arts Centre this Saturday (March 24th). Doors and the bar open at 7.30pm, with music starting at 8pm. Tickets cost £12 or £6 (under 18s/NUS cardholders) in advance, or £13/£6.50 on the door. Senior citizen's tickets cost £10 in advance, or £11 on the door.

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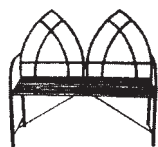
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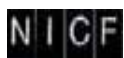
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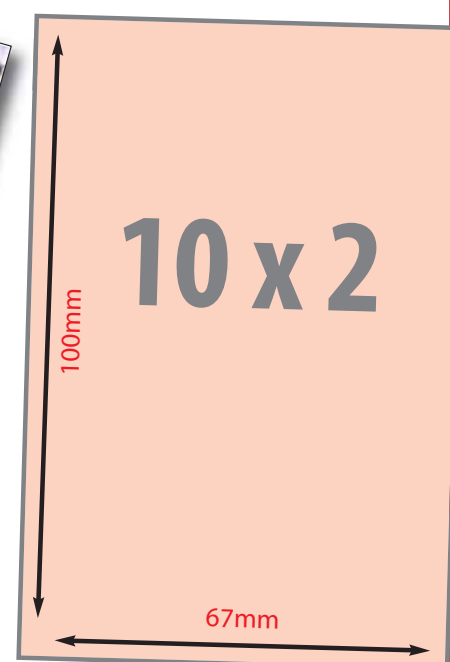
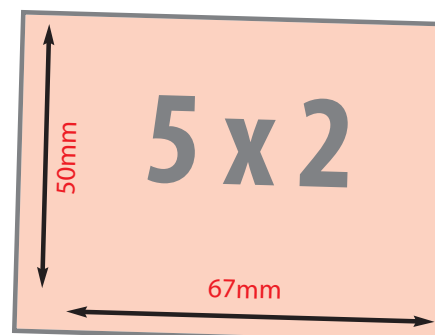
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Peugeot's EV range will grow at the beginning of 2013 with the introduction of a new electric Partner van, which will qualify for the recently announced extension to the Government's EV grant, with a maximum of £8,000 support towards the purchase price of electric com-

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The EV range, along with the recently introduced world's first diesel-electric HYbrid4, displays Peugeot's commitment to addressing the environmental challenges facing carmakers, communities, businesses and private car owners.

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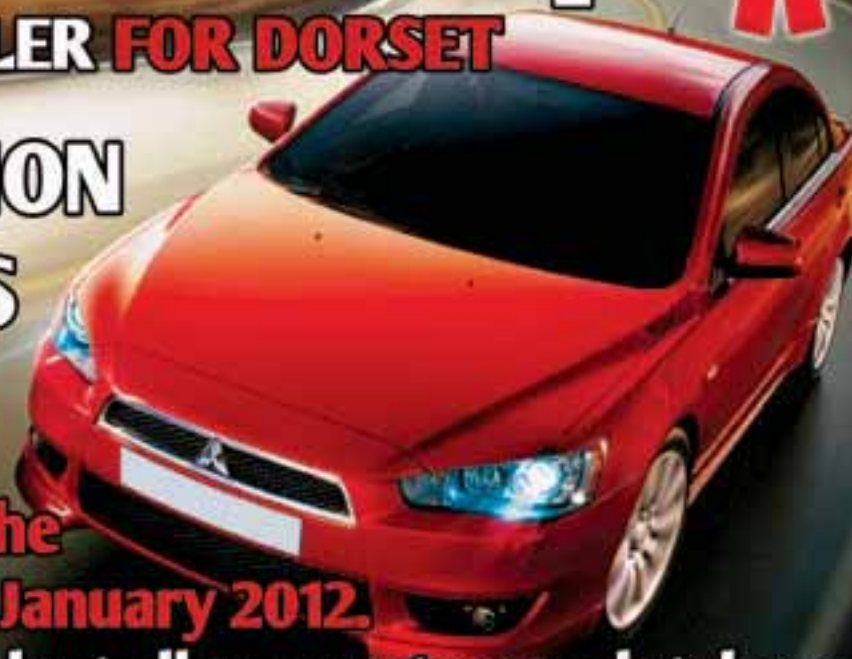


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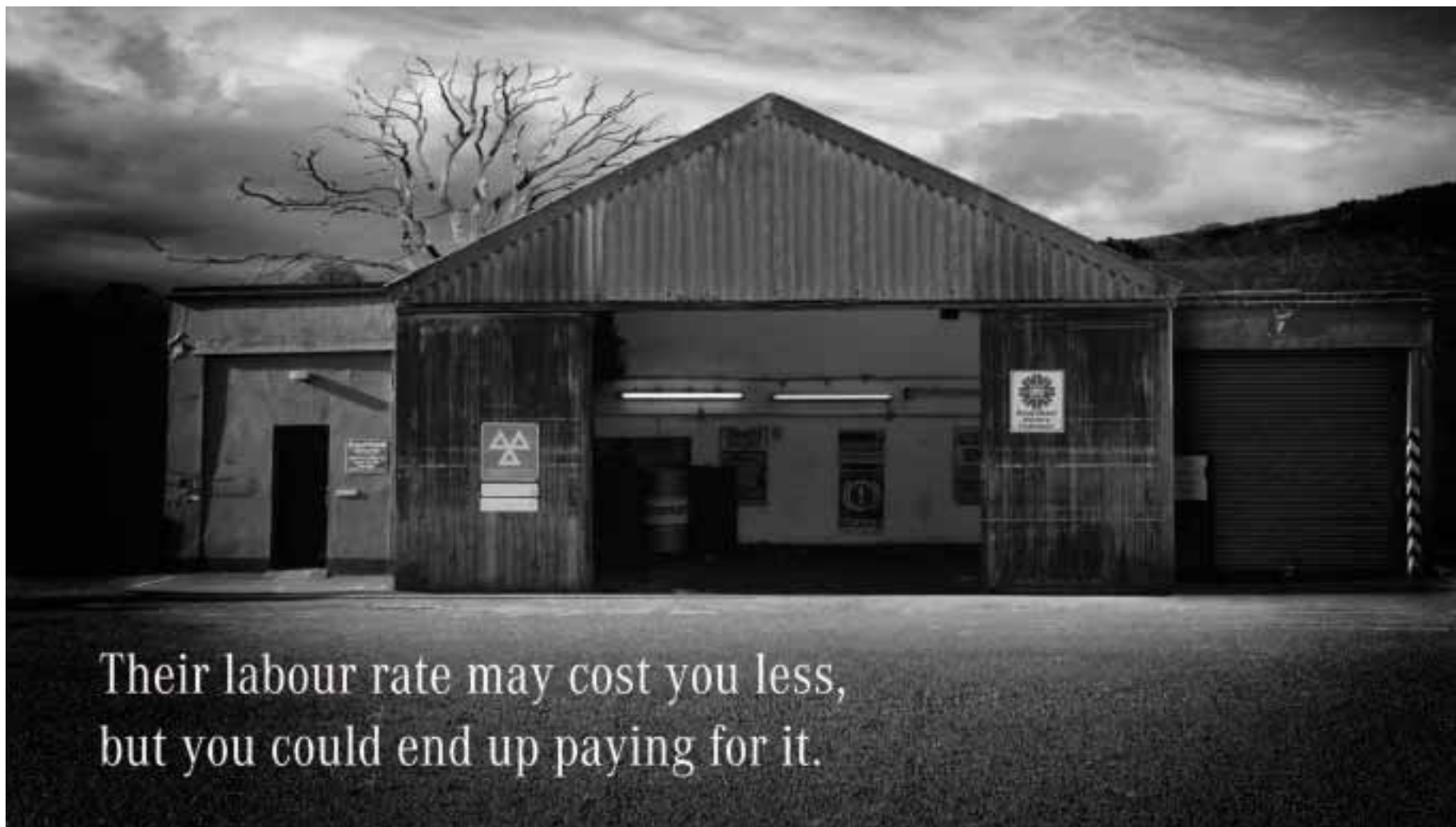
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Citroën C-Zero makes EV choice more affordable for UK buyers

CITROËN UK has announced the next phase in its Electric Vehicle (EV) sales development programme. Key elements in this integrated plan for growth are; a significant OTR price reduction to just £21,216 after the Government's £5,000 Plug-in Car Grant; a monthly rental reduction to just £249; and a significant increase in the size and coverage of Citroën UK's EV Specialist Dealer Network.

Supporting C-Zero's new price positioning, Citroën has confirmed that it will extend its EV Specialist sales network from 11 to 21 dealers. The additional

10 sites will be located in UK cities not covered by the original Citroën EV network. Further expansion is set to continue as part of a staged roll-out as market acceptance of electric vehicles increases and sales volumes grow.

Citroën has also confirmed that the aftersales EV network will be extended from the 11 initial specialist dealers to a network of around 100 locations over the coming months. All of the newly appointed EV service dealers have already received specialist training as part of the DS5 Hybrid4 launch, allowing them to service

and repair C-Zero and future Citroën EV models.

Citroën's EV range will grow at the beginning of 2013 with the introduction of a new electric Berlingo van, which will qualify for the recently announced extension to the Government's EV grant, with a maximum of £8,000 support towards the purchase price of electric commercial vehicles.

Linda Jackson, Citroën UK's Managing Director, commented; "2011 marked the introduction of EV's in the UK. 2012 will see the market continue to grow as the technology becomes more accepted

by consumers, more manufacturers enter the market and the charging infrastructure continues to develop. Citroën has been at the forefront with C-Zero and this latest announcement confirms the next stage in our development plans."

Motoring journalist and EV advocate, Quentin Willson, commented; "I think this is great news for both consumers and businesses and it'll make owning a C-Zero more cost effective. I've been running one for 6 months and can't imagine life without it. This is the future for city drivers."

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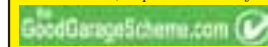
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ISLANDERS BACK UP TO TOP SPOT

ROUND-UP

PORTLAND UTD 3 BLANDFORD UTD 1
THE Islanders moved back to the top of the table courtesy of strikes from Liam Currell (2) and Adam Linaker whilst Albert Harwood managed to breach the division's joint miserliest defence.

WEYMOUTH RES 0 WESTLAND SPORTS 2
MICHAEL Rousell scored twice as title-chasing Westland Sports proved too powerful for lowly Weymouth FC .

CHICKEREILL UTD 2 SHERBORNE TOWN RES 1
AFTER three-game winless mini-slump the Chickens clung on to their top six position thanks to goals from Liam Miles and Stewart Walbridge.

SHAFTESBURY 0 BRIDPORT RESERVES 1
A BEN Clarke goal proved enough to seal the win which sees Bridport move up a place to eighth after a single goal win at Shaftesbury.

SENIOR LEAGUE

UPWEY & Broadway moved back into the top two after a 5-0 hammering of Okeford United with their strikes coming from Ty Young and Charlie Kenderdine both netting a brace and there was one for Ethan Devaney.

Chickerell United dropped to the foot of the table after a 4-0 reverse at Blandford United.

Meanwhile Piddletrenthide United made it three wins in a row with an odd goal in five win at Bishops Caundle.

DIVISION ONE

POUNDBURY Rovers moved up into second spot thanks to a 4-3 win at Poole Borough.

Granby Rovers stay in fourth place after their 2-0 success against the Kangaroos with their goals coming from Marcus Simpson and Adam Schofield.

Bere Regis moved up a place to fifth when they defeated their visitors Dorchester Town with their goals coming from Graeme Rose, Jack Watson and Aaron Scott.

Dorchester Borough moved further away from the foot of the table with a 2-1 win against the Ship Inn, Wool with goals from Danny Critchell and Lee Clarke.

DIVISION TWO

BRIDPORT moved into second place following their 3-0 success against their visitors Gillingham Town with their marksmen being Tristen Gale with a brace and one for Jake Williams.

Dorchester Sports stay in fifth spot after their 3-0 victory against Lytchett RT with their strikes coming from Karl Kells with two and one for Matt Drake.

Weymouth Spartans shared four goals and the points with their visitors Milborne Sports with their goals coming from Ben Mackie and Aaron Williams.

Wareham Rangers thrashed Wyke Regis Social Club 6-1 with their goals coming from Jamie Cooper with two and one each for Garry Marsh, Christopher White, Tom Barton and an own goal.

DIVISION THREE

TOP of the table Donhead United extended their lead to three points a 4-3 win over Piddlehinton and now need only a point in their last game to win the League.

Okeford United and Galaxy shared six goals and the points with Elliott Gould (2) and Luke Braund on target for Galaxy.

DIVISION THREE LEAGUE CUP

SECTION TWO
PORTESHAM moved into top spot with a 4-0 win against Stickland United with their goals coming from Jamie Butler (2), Matthew Croxon and Colin Upfold.

DIVISION FOUR

THE only game played saw Galaxy move out of the bottom two with a 2-1 win thanks to goals from Justin Faulkner and Gary Claxton against Bishops Caundle.

DIVISION FIVE

DORCHESTER CC returned to winning form with a 3-1 win against Milborne Sports with goals from Roger Frapwell with a brace and one from Joe Langtree.

DIVISIONS FOUR & FIVE LEAGUE CUP

SECTION TWO
OWERMOIGNE and Handley Sports played out a one all draw for them both to stay in the top three of the section.

SECTION THREE
Stalbridge stay at the top of the group on goal difference following their one all draw against Poundbury Rovers with the hosts goal coming Rob Lowe.

Puddletown won their first group game beating Donhead 3-2 with strikes from Kev Rogers, Leon Cooper and Dan Osborne.

SECTION FOUR
Poundbury Rovers went down 4-0 against leaders Broadstone whilst Weymouth Spartans stay in second place following their 3-0 success against Maiden Newton and Cattistock with their goals coming from Danny James, Dean Richard and Matthew Brown.

RESULTS - March 17th

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chickerell United 2-1 Sherborne Res
Holt United 1-0 Merley Cobham
Parley Sports 5-0 Poole Borough
Portland United 3-1 Blandford United
Shaftesbury 0-1 Bridport Reserves
Sturminster Marshall 1-2 Wincanton
Swanage Town & H 2-2 Hamworthy Res
Tintinhull 1-0 Cranborne
Weymouth FC Res 0-2 Westland Sports
Senior League
Bishops Caundle 2-3 Piddletrenthide

Blandford United 4-0 Chickerell Utd
Gillingham 0-0 Sturminster Newton Utd
Stourpaine 2-4 Kingston Lacy
Upwey & Broadway 5-2 Okeford Utd
Witchampton 1-2 Wareham Rangers

Division One

Bere Regis 3-2 Dorchester Town
Dorchester Boro 2-1 Ship Inn, Wool
Granby Rovers 2-0 Kangaroos
Poole Borough 3-4 Poundbury Rov
Westland Sports 4-1 Shaftesbury
Wincanton 5-1 Swanage Town & H

Division Two

Bridport 3rds 3-0 Gillingham Town
Dorchester Sports 3-0 Lytchett RT
Sturminster Newton Utd 3-2 Balti House
Wareham Rangers 6-1 Wyke Regis SC
Weymouth Spartans 2-2 Milborne Sports

Division Three

Donhead Utd 4-3 Piddlhinton Utd
Maiden Newton & C 0-1 Bere Regis
Okeford United 3-3 Galaxy FC
League Cup - Section Two
Portesham 4-0 Stickland United

Division Four

Galaxy 2-1 Bishops Caundle
Division Five
Dorchester CC 3-1 Milborne Sports
Mere Town 5-3 Marnhull

Division Four & Five League Cup

SECTION TWO
Owermoigne 1-1 Handley Sports Res

SECTION THREE

Puddletown 3-2 Donhead United
Poundbury Rovers 1-1 Stalbridge

SECTION FOUR

Broadstone 4-0 Poundbury A
Weymouth Spart 3-0 Maiden Newtn & C

FIXTURES - March 24th

Premier League

Cranborne v Chickerell United
Hamworthy Recreation v Tintinhull
Poole Boro v Hamworthy Utd Res
Sherborne Res v Bridport Reserves
Sturminster Marshall v Parley Sports
Swanage & H v Merley Cobham

Westland Sports v Blandford United
Weymouth FC Res v Holt United
Wincanton Town v Portland United

Senior League

Kingston Lacy v Gillingham Town
Piddletrenthide v Wareham Rangers
Portland United v Okeford United
Sturminster Newton Utd v Bishops Caundle
Weymouth Sports v Stourpaine

Division One

Dorchester Town v Poundbury Rovers
Kangaroos v Westland Sports
Mere Town v Granby Rovers
Merley Cobham v Dorchester Borough
Shaftesbury v Swanage Town & Herston
Wincanton Town v Bere Regis

Division Two

Corfe Castle v 11th Signals
Lytchett RT v Crossways
Milborne Sports v Bridport 3rds
Balti House v Gillingham Town
Wareham Rangers v Sturminster Newton Utd
Wyke Regis SC v Dorchester Sports

Division Three

Bere Regis v Galaxy FC
Okeford United v Stickland United
League Cup - SECTION ONE
Donhead United v Maiden Newton & Cat

SECTION TWO

Portesham v Cranborne

Division Five

AFC Blandford v Dorchester CC
Poundbury A v Pimperne Sports
Division Four & Five League Cup

SECTION ONE

Galaxy v Handley Sports
Marnhull v Littlemoor

SECTION TWO

Bishops Caundle v Handley Sports Res
Mere Town v Owermoigne

SECTION THREE

Donhead United v Poundbury Reserves

SECTION FOUR

Broadstone v Swanage & Herston
Maiden Newton & C v Millborne Sports



PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	26	20	4	2	62	64
Hamworthy Rec	25	20	2	3	65	62
Westland Sports	24	19	3	2	64	60
Wincanton	24	19	4	1	54	58*
Holt United	26	16	4	6	36	52
Chickerell United	26	15	3	8	16	48
Parley Sports	28	14	4	10	12	46
Bridport Reserves	26	13	4	9	16	43
Swanage & Herston	26	13	3	10	-8	42
Blandford United	27	10	4	13	-7	34
Sturminster Marshall	29	9	6	14	3	33
Tintinhull	27	9	5	13	-19	32
Poole Borough	30	9	4	17	-19	31
Merley Cobham	27	7	4	16	-17	25
Hamworthy Utd Res	27	7	3	17	-47	24
Weymouth Res	27	8	4	15	-19	22*
Cranborne	29	6	3	20	-41	21
Shaftesbury	27	5	2	20	-58	17
Sherborne Res	29	2	2	25	-93	8



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wareham Rangers	22	14	5	3	28	47
Upwey & Broadway	22	13	2	7	10	41
Portland Utd Res	20	11	7	2	27	40
Witchampton Utd	20	12	2	6	11	38
Kingston Lacy	19	11	4	4	18	37
Weymouth Sports	22	9	6	7	1	33
Okeford United	20	8	5	7	17	29
Sturminster Newton Utd	20	7	5	8	2	26
Stourpaine	20	7	4	9	2	25
Bishops Caundle	22	5	8	9	-11	23
Piddletrenthide	21	6	4	11	-10	22
Gillingham Res	22	5	3	14	-25	18
Blandford Utd Res	24	4	5	15	-35	17
Chickerell Utd Res	22	3	6	13	-35	15

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Rs	19	15	2	2	51	47
Poundbury Rovers	24	13	6	5	19	45
Mere Town	17	14	2	1	57	44
Granby Rovers	17	12	1	4	22	37
Bere Regis	22	11	2	9	22	35
Poole Boro Res	21	10	2	9	7	32
Wincanton Res	22	9	3	10	-4	30
Merley Cobham Res	20	8	2	10	-15	26
Dorchester Town A	19	7	3	9	-6	24
Kangaroos	18	7	2	9	0	23
Swanage & H Res	19	7	1	11	-24	22
Ship Inn, Wool	21	5	2	14	-20	17
Dorchester Boro	18	4	3	11	-21	15
Shaftesbury Res	19	0	1	18	-88	1

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	21	17	1	3	60	52
Bridport A	22	15	3	4	45	48
11 Signal Regmnt	19	15	0	4	50	45
Milborne Sports	18	14	1	3	51	43
Dorchester Sports	20	13	3	4	28	42
Weymouth Spart	22	12	3	7	24	39
Gillingham Town A	20	10	5	5	26	35
The Balti House	21	10	0	11	-9	30
Wareham Rang Res	23	7	4	12	-23	25
Wyke Regis SC	20	5	4	11	-40	19
Crossways	20	4	0	16	-38	12
Sturminster Newton Res	18	3	1	14	-44	10
Lytchett RT	23	3	1	19	-74	10
Corfe Castle	21	2	2	17	-56	8

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Donhead Utd	17	14	1	2	35	43
AFC Cobham	17	13	1	3	28	40
Piddlehinton Utd	18	9	3	6	25	30
Portesham United	17	9	1	7	1	28
Galaxy FC	16	8	1	7	3	25
Stickland United	16	7	2	7	-22	23
Bere Regis Res	16	7	1	8	8	22
Maiden Newtn & C	15	5	1	12	-9	16
Okeford Utd Res	16	3	1	21	-27	11
Cranborne Reserves	17	2	1	14	-42	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	17	11	4	2	44	34
Stalbridge	17	10	2	5	6	32
Owermoigne	17	7	6	4	-2	27
Weymouth Spart	18	8	2	8	-3	26
Littlemoor	18	6	6	6	-6	24
Poundbury Rovers	17	6	4	7	-7	22
Galaxy FC Res	16	4	7	5	-1	19
Puddletown	18	6	1	11	-19	19
Bishops Caundle	16	6	0	10	-11	18
Swanage Town & H	16	3	4	9	-11	12*

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town Res	18	16	1	1	67	49
Broadstone	19	14	1	4	47	43
AFC Blandford	18	14	1	3	47	43
Donhead Utd Res	19	12	4	3	36	40
Pimperne Sports	17	8	3	6	28	27
Marnhull	18	6	3	9	-14	21
Dorchester CC	17	6	0	11	-16	18
Handley Sports	17	4	3	10	-41	15
Maiden Newtn & C	18	4	1	13	-41	13
Milborne Sports Res	17	2	3	12	-25	9
Poundbury A	18	1	2	15	-88	5

(* Points adjusted)

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MARK Ford produced a sparkling display for Weymouth last Tuesday in their 3-1 defeat of Cirencester Town at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

The 21-year-old got the Terras back on winning ways after the shock defeat by Hemel Hempstead by landing a hat-trick in his first start for the town.

After a lack-lustre start Ford had the home fans drooling with a super goal after just 16 minutes.

Byron Napper who had agreed to a second loan spell just the day before, made his mark by sliding the ball through to Ford who despite the attention of two defenders managed to get his shot away on the turn to fire past Mike Hedges.

Cirencester however were not taking it lying down and Tom Manley was forced into a fine save to prevent Ollie Pitt equalising.

Then, after Ben Gerring had headed Stephen Reed's corner against the bar, Manley foiled Jody Bevan.

Holding a precarious lead at

the interval, the Terras needed a second goal, and it came three minutes after the break when Ford latched onto Napper's ball that was missed in midfield.

Racing towards goal he had to switch direction when two defenders converged on him by which time Hedges had raced from his goal to block his first effort. When the ball popped up into the air, Ford rolled it in the net.

Although Cirencester threatened to get back into the game Manley once again was equal to their efforts, and the game was drifting to its inevitable conclusion when with six minutes left Ford completed his hat-trick.

Craig Duff played a one-two on the halfway line before racing down the right and crossing low into the six-yard box where Ford got in front of his marker to flick the ball with the outside of his left boot beyond Hedges.

Jamie Reid scored a late consolation for the visitors just before the final whistle following a some good build-up play.

Cards hold all the aces

Woking 4 Dorchester Town 1

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH - ATT 1,268

DORCHESTER Town's unbeaten away run under new manager Alan Knight was dramatically brought to an end by league leaders Woking last Tuesday night.

Unbeaten in their eight league matches since the departure of Ashley Vickers, including one away match under caretaker's Phil Simkin and Mark Jermyn, the Magpies were finally beaten after they conceded two penalties early in the second-half which left them no way back.

Up until then they had put in a battling performance that had seen them go in at the interval just one goal down.

Knight was looking for his side to weather the first 20 minutes in order to give themselves a chance in the game, and they did just that.

Former Bristol City midfielder Kevin Betsy came closet for the Cards with a header that Alan Walker-Harris had no problems holding, whilst Kyle Critchell was unlucky when his free-kick was deflected for a corner. Woking took the lead through

former Yeovil Town reject Keiran Murtagh who scored with a fine 20 yard shot just after the half-hour, and the Glovers would have felt they were still in with a chance as they went in for a half-time cuppa.

However six minutes after the break Murtagh set up Betsy who was too quick for Walker-Harris who brought him down. Former Magpie Giuseppe Sole sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot.

Betsy, who caused the Magpies defence trouble all night, then was brought down inside the box again as he headed for goal and Sole once again made no mistake from the spot.

Dorchester looked to retaliate but Sam Malson's shot from Critchell's cross following a great run by Tom Nichols, was just too high.

Woking then added a fourth when Joe McDerney headed home Derek Duncan's corner with 15 minutes left.

Nichols did pull a goal back three minutes later to continue his record of scoring in every game since he arrived on loan, when he headed home, but it was just a consolation.

Martinstown CC
gearing up
for new season

MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club is gearing up for the new season beginning in May.

Promoted to Dorset League Division Two having finished runners-up to Shillingstone last season, they begin their season with a home match against local rivals

RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Weymouth set to secure league title

I TROTTERD off to Dorchester on Saturday to watch to only league game taking place in West Dorset.

DORCHESTER 27 WIMBORNE 11

CONDITIONS were certainly conducive to open rugby for this Southern Counties League (South) catch up encounter, and it was the visitors who started the brighter.

Dorchester were penalised early on for hands in the ruck and fell three points behind to the Wimborne place kicker after a minute.

They were back on terms within a couple of minutes however when, having kicked a penalty for position, they won the ensuing lineout and caused Wimborne to infringe. James Baker's place kick was accurate and tied the scores after some five minutes.

Penalty awards came thick and fast against both sides throughout the first quarter but, apart from that I felt that Wimborne looked the likelier outfit for much of the time, benefiting as they did from some good tactical kicking.

It was from one such kick that Wimborne scored. They had followed well and hurried the home defence into error and then won the ensuing lineout close in.

They followed it with a succession of pick and drives and eventually one of their eight got over some 10 yards in from touch. The try remained unconverted and the visitors led 8-3.

I felt that both sides were below their best, for the contest was laced with error but, after some 15 minutes Dorchester drew level.

A strong run by one of their eight set up the position. He was tackled but made the ball available. It was then spread left, and winger

Baker got outside his marker and touched down in the corner.

The try remained unconverted and Dorchester then began to impose an edge that they never really lost. The next ten minutes were spent in the visitors' twenty two and they eventually won a five metre scrum. They then sent the ball to a generous narrow side where full back Read made a telling incursion into the line and scored by the posts.

Baker goaled the try to give his side a 15-8 lead around the half hour mark. Although laced with stoppages, the game had certainly not been a dirty one and it came as a surprise when Waddington, the home centre, saw red for an illegal tip tackle just before the break.

Wimborne used the resultant penalty to get into home territory where their out half kicked an excellent drop goal, really from nowhere, to take the score line to 15-11.

Dorchester were now reduced to playing the remainder of the game with 14 men but made light of the fact by winning a five metre scrum just before the break and, after a snipe by scrum-half Gower, Newsam, his open side sneaked over close to the posts. James baker again added the extras to give his side a 22-11 lead at the halfway stage.

I felt at this juncture that, although eleven points to the good, Dorchester's seven man pack would struggle to compete in the second half, but I was wrong as they spent the first few minutes in Wimborne's territory.

The game continued to be error strewn and although the entire third quarter remained scoreless Wimborne could not impose themselves, with the home side being quicker in both thought and deed for the most part.

Then, with 10 minutes remaining, one of

the visitors saw yellow for foul play and, in his absence, a strong run by one of the Dorchester substitutes took play into the Wimborne half. The offload came and James Baker, now playing at stand off, was well up to take the scoring pass.

The try remained unconverted and the final whistle sounded soon after, leaving Dorchester fairly easy winners.

This was a rather strange contest in many respects. Although by no means a dirty game, it saw both a red card and a yellow issued for foul play.

It was not particularly abrasive, but injury stoppages abounded and, although the conditions were benign, errors came in profusion.

Dorchester won it primarily because of the edge they had forward, after the first few minutes; and which they maintained when reduced to seven forwards after Waddington's departure.

They will be happy with the result but probably less so with the way it was achieved.

PREVIEW

THE local leagues resume on Saturday next, and are entering the season's final phase, with both promotion and relegation issues near to being solved.

It is certainly judgement day as far as the WEYMOUTH first side is concerned. It travels to FROME 2nd and, if it returns with a win of any sort, it will return as champions elect of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South), with promotion to the Southern Counties Division assured.

I think that this will happen, for the home side has not had the best of seasons and cur-

rently lies near the bottom of the division and is a relegation candidate.

Weymouth did win the earlier fixture by a distance (55-3) and, if they fail to clinch promotion on Saturday then they should take a good look at themselves, both collectively and individually. I know that Frome have a useful pack and a number eight who carries well.

I feel however that Weymouth will be stronger in most departments and will have the win sewn up well before the interval. Complacency should be their main, if not their only, concern.

BRIDPORT face a more difficult task altogether with the visit of BOURNEMOUTH 3rd, a side who lie just below them in the division. I seem to remember watching the visitors play Weymouth earlier in the season and on that occasion felt that they were a young side who, while they ran about a lot, really lacked penetration.

I see that Bridport lost the earlier game by a couple of scores, and came back feeling that they had contributed to their own downfall rather. This will be a close one, but I do take Bridport to win if they can keep their discipline.

DORCHESTER make the journey to Bath to take on WALCOT who are a couple of places below them in the table at the moment.

Dorchester won the earlier game at home pretty comfortably and I think that they will win this one also. It will be closer however.

In division two PUDDLETOWN entertain a NORTH DORSET 3rd side whom they bested pretty comfortably earlier in the season, their opponents have not had a bad season however but I do take the home side to do the double on their way to securing third place

in the division.

As to the second sides, Weymouth seconds have a bit of a battle on their hands with the visit of Fordingbridge 2nd to whom they lost narrowly earlier.

While the home side will probably end the season satisfied with their performance in division two overall, their club has a long injury list at present, and this will most certainly impact on them. I do not think they will win this one.

Bridport seconds travel to Swanage & Wareham 3rd and will, I think, struggle. I am aware that they won comfortably earlier on in the season but their opponents have had a much more consistent season, while Bridport do not travel all that well.

Dorchester 2nd, top of the third division heap as they are, will certainly be looking to win at Salisbury thirds.

The home side has put a couple of wins together recently however and there will almost certainly no repeat of the earlier 55-3 scoreline in Dorchester's favour.

As to the third team game between Dorchester and Weymouth, I'll bet that will be a real ding dong struggle, with no quarter ask for or given.

Fixtures 24th March

Bridport v Bournemouth 3rd; Bridport 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd (away); Chard v Keynsham; Dorchester v Walcot Old Boys (away); Dorchester 2nd v Salisbury 3rd (away); Dorchester 3rd v Weymouth 3rd; Honiton v Plymouth Barbarians; Puddletown v North Dorset 3rd; Sidmouth v Oldfield Old Boys (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Wessex; Sidmouth ; Weymouth v Frome 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd .

Dorchester & District Snooker

Top two finish for powerful West Dorset Club teams

RESULTS: West Dorset Club A 2 West Dorset Club C 5, Colliton Nomads 2 Colliton Club B 4, Trinity M 4 Colliton Hopefuls 2, Colliton XQ 2011 4 WDC Whipping Boys 2, Trinity Express 3 Purbeck Potters 4, Colliton Cons 2 Trinity Gooduns 6.

30+ breaks: E.Wellman 39.

Top Break of the Season: Clive Haskell (Trinity M) 67.

	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pt
West Dorset Club A	22	15	3	4	0	105
West Dorset Club C.....	22	13	2	7	0	95
Trinity Gooduns.....	22	13	2	7	0	92
Trinity M.....	22	10	2	10	0	86
Colliton Nomads.....	21	13	2	6	0	79
Purbeck Potters.....	22	6	5	11	0	79
Colliton Cons.....	21	11	2	8	0	78
Colliton XQ2011.....	22	9	4	9	0	75
Trinity Express	21	5	3	13	0	74
Colliton Hopefuls	21	8	2	11	0	71
Colliton Club B.....	22	6	2	14	0	68
WDC Whipping Boys.....	22	6	1	15	0	60

◆ **Team handicap knock-out final re-arrangement:** West Dorset Club A v Colliton Cons (Thursday, 22nd March).

Perfect Parker powers home

FOLLOWING the Rallye Sunseeker the second National Championship motorsport event in two weekends came to Dorset in the form of the Motor Sports Association British Car Trials Championship at Hog Cliff Farm near Maiden Newton.

Organised by the Woolbridge Motor Club the event comprised of two categories; the National event which catered for those contesting the British series and the Clubmans division which was populated by drivers not registered for the national championships, and this included mostly local competitors.

Although in different categories the drivers all competed on the same sections so their scores were directly comparable.

Reigning, and seven times, national champion, Barrie Parker, was determined to repeat his success of last year in his Toyota MR2 sports car.

Competing in Class One for two wheel drive production cars without any ballast (ballast helps to gain grip in slippery conditions) Parker made a positive start in wet conditions.

Prior to the eighth and final test of the first round the multiple champion had amassed 41 penalty points to lead Citroen Saxo pilot Nick Pollitt by four points. However a maximum score of 12 points on the eighth test reduced his advantage to a single point.

During the second round conditions deteriorated further but Parker excelled on the muddy tests only dropping 41 points for the round and building a lead of seven points.

Pollitt remained his nearest challenger and thus the situation remained during the afternoon's dryer tests with the Japanese machine finally finishing ahead of the French by 15 points.

Class Two of the National event featured front wheel drive production cars (with ballast) and here Colin Read soon 'got his eye in' with his effective Volkswagen Golf GTi quickly leaving the Honda Civic driven by Paul Manning and Robert Williams in his wake.

The Clubmans category comprised of two classes. One well supported for front wheel drive machines and the second for sports cars.

The former boasted an entry of 15 drivers. During the slippery first round Weymouth driver Graham Blake displayed his experience at the wheel of a Nissan Micra with total penalties of 53 points a mere brace of points ahead of Volkswagen Golf exponent Paul Johnston who in turn headed James Forsyth by a single point.

The second round of eight tests saw the competition



■ **CHALLENGING:** Weymouth's Alistair Stevenson winning the rear wheel drive class of the Clubman's event at the wheel of his Austin Nippy.

become more intense with Blake and Forsyth equal on 113 penalty points but with Johnston in the lead on 104. Improved weather conditions brought about a change in the fortunes of some of the competitors in this class.

With amendments to the tests and a drying of the ground Mini Clubman 1275 GT driver Bob Bennetts from Stoke sub Hamdon made his move. With a score of 129 at lunch the Mini exponent had 25 points to make up.

By the end of the third round he was tying with Johnston for the class lead on 166 penalties.

At the end of the trial he had only dropped a further 32 points to take first overall in the two clubman's classes with a seven point advantage over Johnston, the winner of the front wheel drive class.

The second class in the clubman's event saw the Austin Nippy of Alistair Stevenson involved in an epic battle with the John York's MG Midget. The Weymouth drivers enjoyed a day-long encounter with equal scores after the first round; 73 penalty points each.

By the half way stage the MG man had opened up a lead of four but by the conclusion of the third round in drying conditions Stevenson had pulled one back.

Would the eight tests of the final round be enough to steal the advantage?

The answer was yes with the Nippy driver snatching the win by a single point having gained a clean (nil penalties) on the fourth section from the finish.

Local rugby clubs pick up prestigious national awards

THE HARD work of Dorchester and Weymouth Rugby Club's have been recognised when they were named as winners of the RFU President's XV Awards last week.

Dorchester Rugby Club won the 'High Quality Coaching' award, whilst Weymouth won the 'Comms and Technology' award. They were also listed as a runner-up in the 'More Volunteers' category.

Launched in October last year by RFU President Willie Wildash, 2003 Rugby World Cup winner Joe Worsley and England Womens star Maggie Alphonsi, the awards supported by QBE, the official insurance partner of England Rugby, were chosen by a panel of judges who sought to identify and reward initiatives that promote the development of rugby at a grassroots level.

Each winning club in the 15 categories receives £500, and the two runner-ups £100 each.

Willie Wildash, who was a former player and now Honorary Life Member of Weymouth RFC said: "It's been a phenomenal year for entries and as ever the competition was fierce. The quality of entries was very high this year and this made life difficult for the panel of judges.

"All the winners and runners-up, as well as all of the others who submitted entries, are clubs doing a great job at the grassroots end of our game, across many important development areas.

"These clubs are the heart and soul of rugby and it's wonderful to be able to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work put in by all the volunteers involved."

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INSIDE: Weymouth RFC set to clinch league title

Head clash headache for Terras

Brackley Town 3 Weymouth 1
EVO-STIK PREMIER- ATT: 257

WEYMOUTH not only suffered defeat at the hands of league leaders Brackley Town on Saturday, they also lost central defenders Ben Gerring and Sam Poole who collided going to meet a Stephen Reed corner midway through the first-half.

The incident saw both men unable to carry on and the Terras reshuffle their defence with Ollie Tribe and Alex Jeannin replacing them.

Already a goal down they stuck to their task manfully to go into the break just a goal adrift.

However two goals within the first six minutes of the restart saw the Terras with an uphill task.

Warren Byerley pulled a goal back late on but they left St James Park without the points and prob-

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ably missing their central defensive pairing for a while.

Brackley had been lively from the start and Steve Diggin had already tested Tom Manley a couple of times before they took the lead on 18 minutes; Elliot Sandy firing home from Glenn Walker's cross.

After a six minute delay for treatment to the Terras duo, Weymouth who were looking to get back in the match, were rocked back on their heels when Walker struck the crossbar from close in.

There was a further injury scare for the Terras just before the break when Byerley collided with Saints keeper Billy Turley as he went to punch clear, but fortunately this

time both continued after treatment.

Brackley took control of the game with a second goal three minutes after the restart when Diggin clinically finished after good work and a cross from Owen Storey.

More misery followed a further three minutes later when Manley fumbled a routine cross from Walker, and then pulled over substitute Marvin Robinson as he tried to recover the ball.

Diggin made no mistake from the penalty spot.

Weymouth did not give up however and Lewis Clarke, on for Warren Beasley, was thwarted by a superb last minute tackle before Craig Duff's shot was cleared off the line.

Skipper Byerley finally got a consolation six minutes from time.

Headache solved as King moves quickly

BRENDON King has wasted no time in finding cover for the loss of central defenders Ben Gerring and Sam Poole by signing Rhys Baggridge from Yeovil Town on a month's loan.

King was left with a problem after the two clashed heads midway through the first half at Brackley Town on Saturday.

Despite Poole returning to Weymouth after the match and then having his cut glued in hospital locally, he has had to return there after suffering migraines over the weekend and must be considered doubtful for Saturday's match.

Gerring's cut, just above the left eye, was stitched before he returned from Brackley.



■ WEYMOUTH Cowboys who compete in Division three of the Solent & District Basketball League

Although he is due to have them removed this weekend he has been advised to rest for two or three weeks to allow it to mend such was the depth of the cut. Nineteen-year-old Baggridge has just

completed three months loan at Poole Town where he impressed manager Tommy Killick, and will join Glovers' team mate Lewis Clarke at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

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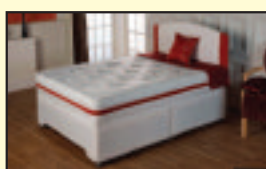
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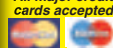
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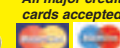
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